

Board MeetingOctober 5, 2021.....12:00 noon

Board Members Present: Dr. Bryan Bagdasian, Chairman
Dr. Bruce E. Bodner, Board Member
Dr. Charles A. Thayer, Board Member

Staff Present: Heather L. Gallant, Executive Director, Adam Vickstrom, Assistant
Executive Director, Kevin Duquette, Daniel Syrialala, Eileen North, Brian
McCracken, Michelle Borrello,

Others Present: Peter Richer, Jan Boboruzian, Liz Dupre, Joel Lanz, Ben, Laura BuGay, Tom
Mackey, Bruce Haskell, Michael Hugo

**1. Motion: By Dr. Thayer to approve September Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Bodner
seconded. All in favor. So voted.**

2. Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Reports were submitted for the Board's review:

Daniel Syrialala reported he has been steady with inspections, perc tests and construction. There
has been nothing out of the ordinary.

Eileen North reported everything is going great. She has opened two new places this month.
Donny Dogs which is a hotdog cart and Costa's Coffee Club which is located at 1095 County
Street.

Brian McCracken reported school inspections were done this month. There were not as many
re-inspections as the past month. Everything was resolved throughout the month that was an
issue.

3. Public Health Nurse Monthly Report

Michelle Borrello reported the number of COVID cases are going up. At the end of November
the Contact Tracing Collaborative will be ending. Heather is in the process of obtaining two
grants through Arbor to hire a part time nurse to help out with the contact tracing and through
a state grant that will contract an epidemiologist and CHW to help with contract tracing.
Communicable diseases this month were 1 mumps revoked, 1 probable Hep B and 11 Lyme
disease cases.

4. Assistant Executive Director Monthly Report

Adam Vickstrom reported he continues to work on the permit renewals for hazardous
materials. He has been doing housing and nuisance inspections while Dan Ross is out. He has
been helping anyone with any issues they may have.

5. Executive Director Monthly Report

Heather Gallant reported everything is going well and the office has been busy. She is very concerned with the contact tracing collaborative ending. She stated that the process of contact tracing is overwhelming and a lot of work.

6. Old Business:

a. Taunton Sanitary Landfill Updates:

- a. Kevin Duquette reported he has received no complaints or issues regarding the landfill.
- b. Waste Management – Peter Richer reported they are still working on the capping of the landfill. It should be fully capped by September of 2022. Then they will proceed to submit the OSHA certification report to DEP by the end of 2022 or first quarter of 2023.
- c. Fortistar- No representative present. Peter Richer commented that they will be doing some gas well system improvements starting in the next 2 or 3 weeks. They will provide notice to DEP and the BOH. This is to improve the gas system for the final capping of the landfill next year.

b. Western Bristol County Tobacco Prevention Collaborative – Updates

Diane Heath stated she is trying to get the office up to date since there has been no one in her position for the past six months. Soon she will be starting to do the routine inspections within the retail establishments in Taunton.

- c. **Medical / Recreational Use of Marijuana Update-** Heather Gallant reported there is no new updates. **Dr. Bodner makes a motion to remove Medical/Recreational Use of Marijuana Update on the agenda. Dr. Thayer seconded. All in favor. So Voted.**

d. **Clear Water Environmental, variance requests to Title 5 requirements for the installation of a septic system at Taunton Municipal Airport, Hanger #9, Westcoat Drive (continued)**

Liz Dupre from Clear Water Environmental stated she met with the Taunton Municipal Airport Commissioners last week and they voted to approve the project. There was no evidence of human waste in the wells found by the water experts based on the results. Today she sent a letter to Dan Syriala to recap the course of events that took place. Airport Manager Jan Boubazian stated that the airport commission did not approve anything. They only agreed to go forward with their plan that they could speak to the BOH about approving the septic system. There has been an issue with how often the bathroom in Hanger #9 is used. The owner of Hanger #9, Ron Nation stated the bathroom in Hanger has not been used in years and the water has been turned off. Dr. Thayer stated that the septic plan has been reviewed Dan Syriala and our engineers and consultants and they felt that it met the requirements for a variance. **Dr. Bodner makes**

a motion to approve the variance as submitted. Dr. Bagdasian seconded. All in favor. So Voted.

- e. **Miscellaneous** Heather Gallant stated there is no miscellaneous old business.

7. New Business

a. New England Waste Disposal Request for Permission to Conduct 90 Posi Shell Test at 101 Prince Henry Drive

Joe Touch from NER stated the transfer station accepts 2000 tons of trash per day. With the current program the waste is loaded onto a truck and covered with a tarp. NER would like to have permission to implement a new program. The municipal solid waste would be loaded onto rail cars and covered with Posi Shell. Posi Shell is a volcanic clay based product with reinforcing fibers, polymers and hardening agent like cement. The slurry is spread on top of the waste that will harden and create a crust. A product called outer shell is also used to stop odor. The product is approved by CSX.

Dr. Thayer moves to accept the request from NER for permission to conduct the 90 Posi Shell Test at 101 Prince Henry Drive with the following conditions: A performance report delivered to the Board 30 days after the completion of the 90 day trial. The performance report will include photographs before and after on loading and unloading in the application of the material, measurement of odor monitoring, any complaints, changes in the composition of the material, any changes in the application process, any deviations from the manufacturer's recommended use of application, an efficiency report in terms of preparation into the railcars and their transport. The motion is for a temporary authorization of 90 days and also keeping to the one week storage stipulation as approved in the original storage method last year. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So Voted.

b. Presentation by Michael Hugo, MAHB, regarding Public Health Excellence Grant for Shared Services

Michael Hugo is the Director of Government Affairs for Massachusetts Association of Health Boards. The Public Health Excellence Grant is a grant that is available through the State. The grant is not for regionalization. They are for bringing additional resources to the Boards of Health. A shared service coordinator comes with each of the grants. Boards of Health will be given software related to the grant, training and credentialing for new and existing staff to acquire credentials. This grant gives actual people to come out and help the Boards of Health.

The Contact Tracing Collaborative is ending at the end of this year. The Contact Tracing Grant, which Heather Gallant applied for, will give money to municipalities to start their own infrastructure for when contact tracing ends.

Dr. Thayer makes a motion to have the Board further investigate the grant opportunities offered by the Public Health Excellence Group. Dr. Bagdasian seconded. All in favor. So Voted.

C. Miscellaneous- none

8. Communications:

a. Miscellaneous - none

9. Any Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance- none

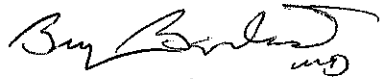
Schedule the Next Monthly Board Meeting:

Motion: By Dr. Bagdasian to have the next meeting November 9, 2021. Dr. Bodner seconded. All in favor. So voted.

The next monthly board meeting will be November 9, 2021 at 12:00 noon.

Motion: For adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Bryan Bagdasian
Chairman



Dr. Bruce E. Bodner
Board Member



Dr. Charles A. Thayer
Board Member